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INFO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR LEONARD

FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AORG, APER, UN  
SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL:DNEPROVSKY

REF: (1) USUN 2395  
(2) USUN 2368

1. THE BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS MET WITH ME THIS AFTERNOON, JUNE 12, AS WELL AS THE CANADIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO REVIEW THE STATE OF PLAY ON THE DNEPROVSKY APPOINTMENT. WE FEEL AS STRONGLY AS EVER ABOUT THE NEED SOMEHOW TO BLOCK THIS MOVE, BUT CONCLUDE THAT WE HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL OF OUR ARGUMENTS EXCEPT PERHAPS TO OBJECT ON THE GROUNDS THAT DNEPROVSKY DOES NOT SPEAK FRENCH. THE NOTION, AS MENTIONED IN PAR 4 OF REFTEL 2, THAT QUOTE WALDHEIM WAS CHOOSING DNEPROVSKY FOR THE JOB TO COUNTER AND COPE WITH GENEVA HARD-LINERS ON SALARY ISSUES, ETC.  
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UNQUOTE IS ABSURB SINCE FRENCH IS THE WORKING LANGUAGE IN GENEVA AND IS A PREREQUISITE FOR ANYONE DOING A PROFESSIONAL JOB IN UN PERSONNEL WORK HERE.

2. AT THE CONCLUSION OF OUR DISCUSSION THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO CABLE IMMEDIATELY TO OBJECT TO DNEPROVSKY'S APPOINTMENT ON THE GROUNDS THAT

HE DOES NOT SPEAK FRENCH. HE WILL INSTRUCT HIS NEW YORK COLLEAGUES THAT IT IS THE STRONG VIEW OF NOT ONLY THE FRENCH AND CANADIAN MISSIONS BUT THE UK AND AMERICAN MISSIONS AS WELL THAT UN PERSONNEL OFFICERS COMING TO GENEVA MUST HAVE FACILITY IN FRENCH IF THEY ARE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO DO THEIR JOB. VANDEN HEUVEL

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED AMEMBASSY VIENNA.

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